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## Idaho Milk Production up 6.4 Percent

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Idaho milk production during July 2006 totaled 960 million pounds, a 6.4 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 26 million pounds from June 2006. Revised production for June 2006 totaled 934 million pounds, up 11 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 9.0 percent above June 2005. Average milk production per cow in July 2006 was 1,960 pounds, unchanged from July 2005, and 50 pounds more than June 2006. The average number of milk cows during July was 490,000 head, up 1,000 head from June 2006 and up 30,000 head from July 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during July totaled 13.9 billion pounds, up 1.5 percent from July 2005. June revised production, at 14 billion pounds, was up 1.9 percent from June 2005. The June revision represented an increase of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,686 pounds for July, 3 pounds above July 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.26 million head, 107,000 head more than July 2005, but 11,000 head less than June 2006.

### Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, July 2005-2006

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	162	170	1,865	1,805	302	307	1.7
California	1,756	1,771	1,780	1,760	3,126	3,117	-0.3
Colorado	105	112	1,960	1,960	206	220	6.8
Florida	136	131	1,315	1,330	179	174	-2.8
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>1,960</b>	<b>902</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>6.4</b>
Illinois	104	103	1,580	1,600	164	165	0.6
Indiana	156	166	1,700	1,670	265	277	4.5
Iowa	193	200	1,720	1,690	332	338	1.8
Kansas	112	113	1,695	1,650	190	186	-2.1
Kentucky	106	97	1,065	1,060	113	103	-8.8
Michigan	313	321	1,850	1,875	579	602	4.0
Minnesota	455	450	1,510	1,565	687	704	2.5
Missouri	117	115	1,360	1,270	159	146	-8.2
New Mexico	328	362	1,845	1,880	605	681	12.6
New York	647	647	1,600	1,605	1,035	1,038	0.3
Ohio	270	274	1,480	1,510	400	414	3.5
Oregon	121	121	1,640	1,580	198	191	-3.5
Pennsylvania	561	555	1,590	1,600	892	888	-0.4
Texas	320	335	1,710	1,760	547	590	7.9
Vermont	143	141	1,565	1,540	224	217	-3.1
Virginia	105	103	1,390	1,415	146	146	--
Washington	245	237	1,985	1,960	486	465	-4.3
Wisconsin	1,236	1,244	1,600	1,600	1,978	1,990	0.6
<b>23 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>8,151</b>	<b>8,258</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>13,715</b>	<b>13,919</b>	<b>1.5</b>

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

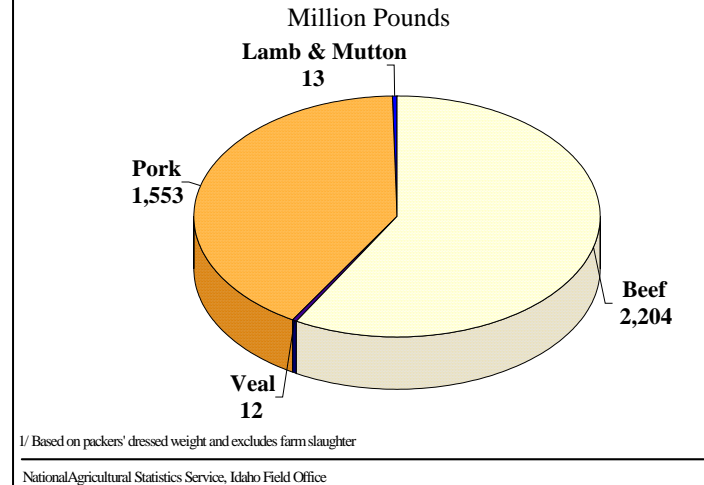
## Idaho Red Meat Production Down 22 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for July 2006 totaled 21.7 million pounds, down 22 percent from last year. July production was down 17 percent from the 26.2 million pounds produced in June. Accumulated red meat production for the January-July 2006 period totaled 169.3 million pounds, down 12.4 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.78 billion pounds in July, up 5 percent from the 3.61 billion pounds produced in July 2005. Beef production, at 2.20 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.83 million head, up 4 percent from July 2005. The average live weight was up 18 pounds from the previous year, at 1,272 pounds. Veal production totaled 12.0 million pounds, 4 percent below July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 57,900 head, down 1 percent from July 2005. The average live weight was 10 pounds below last year, at 340 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.55 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 7.88 million head, 3 percent above July 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 265 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.2 million pounds, was down 1 percent from July 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 202,100 head, 1 percent above last year.

The average live weight was 131 pounds, down 3 pounds from July a year ago. January to July 2006 commercial red meat production was 27.1 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 7 percent from last year, veal was down 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 2 percent.

### Commercial Red Meat Production <sup>1/</sup> United States, July 2006



### Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	July 2005	June 2006	July 2006	July 2006 as percent of <sup>2/</sup>	
				July 2005	June 2006
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	115.3	146.2	132.6	115	91
Colorado	158.5	178.2	167.0	105	94
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>83</b>
Illinois	202.2	227.2	203.8	101	90
Iowa	474.6	511.5	479.6	101	94
Kansas	510.1	573.9	523.0	103	91
Minnesota	173.6	200.3	185.9	107	93
Montana	1.6	1.3	1.5	91	113
Nebraska	578.3	659.6	607.7	105	92
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	82	135
Oklahoma	79.7	86.2	79.3	99	92
Oregon	3.4	4.1	3.6	105	86
South Dakota	72.8	70.0	70.2	96	100
Texas	392.9	470.2	415.9	106	88
Utah	35.8	45.3	40.3	113	89
Washington	45.7	57.2	50.0	109	87
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	0.5	87	95
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>3,613.6</b>	<b>4,119.6</b>	<b>3,782.0</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>92</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. <sup>2/</sup> Percentages based on unrounded data. \* Revised.

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Down 10 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on August 1, 2006 totaled 225,000 head, down 10 percent from the August 1, 2005 inventory. The inventory decreased 5,000 from the number on hand July 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during July totaled 36,000 head, unchanged from July 2005 placements. Marketings during July totaled 40,000 head, down 5,000 from July 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.8 million head on August 1, 2006. The inventory was 7 percent above August 1, 2005 and 10 percent above August 1, 2004. This is the second highest August 1 inventory since the series began in 1996.

Placements in feedlots during July totaled 1.96 million, 17 percent above 2005 and 14 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.91 million. During July, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 570,000, 600-699 pounds were 403,000, 700-799 pounds were 490,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 500,000. Marketings of fed cattle during July totaled 1.96 million, 2 percent above 2005 and 2 percent above 2004. Other disappearance totaled 58,000 during July, 5 percent below 2005 but unchanged from 2004.

### Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>

State	August 1, 2005	July 1, 2006	August 1, 2006		
			Number	As % of 2005	As % of July
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	314	344	339	108	99
California	530	530	515	97	97
Colorado	820	980	940	115	96
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>98</b>
Iowa	400	460	445	111	97
Kansas	2,190	2,280	2,360	108	104
Nebraska	1,730	1,990	1,950	113	98
New Mexico	134	140	144	107	103
Oklahoma	320	340	345	108	101
South Dakota	143	180	165	115	92
Texas	2,890	2,980	2,970	103	100
Washington	137	148	154	112	104
Other States	235	270	270	115	100
<b>United States</b>	<b>10,093</b>	<b>10,872</b>	<b>10,822</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>100</b>

<sup>1/</sup>Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of French fries in the United States on July 31, 2006, totaled 775 million pounds, a 12 percent decrease from June 30, 2006, and down 14 percent from July 31, 2005. Other frozen potatoes, at 222 million pounds, decreased 4 percent from June stocks and 11 percent from last year.

United States stocks of butter on July 31, 2006, totaled 229 million pounds, down 1 percent from the end of the previous month, but up 30 percent from July 31, 2005. Of these 229 million pounds, the government owned 97,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 599 million pounds, up fractionally from June 30, 2006, but down 1 percent from last year. The government owned a total of 79,000 pounds of American cheese.

Commodity	July 31, 2005	June 30, 2006	July 31, 2006	2006 2005
	1,000 Pounds			Percent
<b>POTATOES</b>				
French Fries	905,112	877,400	774,860	86
Other Frozen	249,766	230,710	221,802	89
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,154,878</b>	<b>1,108,110</b>	<b>996,662</b>	<b>86</b>
<b>DAIRY</b>				
Butter	176,666	230,376	229,118	130
(Gov't Owned)	113	113	97	86
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	603,471	598,212	599,114	99
(Govt. Owned)	546	21	79	14

## Farm Labor in July

For the Mountain I Region of the U.S. (Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming), there were 30,000 hired workers on farms and ranches during the week of July 9-15, 2006, up 1,000 from a year ago. Hired workers worked an average of 42.3 hours during the survey week at an average wage of \$9.14 per hour, up 35 cents from last year.

There were 1,202,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of July 9-15, 2006, down 11 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 875,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 327,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$9.74 per hour during the July 2006 reference week, up 36 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$8.95 per hour, up 34 cents from last July, while livestock workers earned \$9.56 per hour compared with \$9.26 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$9.10 per hour, was up 32 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 40.9 hours for hired workers during the survey week, up 1 percent from a year ago.

